

SO YOU ARE GOING TO BE SUED

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SCOPE: This is one session of a two pronged seminar, in which a retired Superior Court Judge and a surveyor, long experienced serving as an expert witness discuss what happens when a surveyor is sued. Recommendations will be made as to how to build safeguards into one's every day work to reduce the likelihood of being sued. The risk of exposure to lawsuits is increasing and all possibilities will be discussed and evaluated, and procedures and priorities suggested. The purpose of this seminar is to assist the Professional in avoiding litigation, and to impart an understanding of those documents, procedures and the conduct of litigation.

OUTLINE

- I. **DEFINING THE PROBLEM**
PERSONAL
BUSINESS
PROFESSIONAL
- II. **HOW THE SYSTEM WORKS**
DOCUMENTS
DISCOVERY
TRIAL
- III. **THE PARTICIPANTS**
PARTIES
INSURERS
ATTORNEYS
WITNESSES- LAY AND EXPERT
JUDGE AND JURY
- IV. **AVOIDING LITIGATION**
- V. **DO'S AND DON'TS FOR BEING A PARTY PLAINTIFF/ DEFENDANT**

THIS CAN BE A ONE OR TWO PERSON PRESENTATION. IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT TWO PEOPLE BE USED FOR DIVERSITY.

Presentation time: 3 1/2 hours per session 7 hours for both sessions.
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